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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Cordery, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,628,249).

Cordery discloses the following in line 53 of column 3 to line 6 of column4:

"Driver 37 extracts the address from the document data in any convenient conventional manner, such as by the use of a predetermined field withing the document data, or the use of an algorithm based upon the detection of alphanumeric combinations typical of zip codes, state names, city names, etc., as ia also know, Driver 37 also accesses data store 38 to obtain the attribute information which includes processing attributes 40, such as feeder selection, fold type, sealing mode etc. Preferably driver 37 also gets job type data 42 from data source 38 for inclusion in job header 12. Driver 7 then adds separators 26-1 through 26-4 to create header 12 and records 14 as described above. As noted, generally each mail piece in a mailing job will be produced in an identical manner and the default values used for each mail piece. Accordingly, mail piece header 18 can be filled will null data or with copies of job header 12. However, if it is desired to produce mailing jobs having mail pieces with varying attributes it would be well within the skill of a person of ordinary skill in the programming ads to modify a word processing application or procude a special application which would generate varying data for mail piece header 18."

Cordery does not disclose or anticipate how one driver namely driver 37 may be used to cause a document printer and an envelope printer to print from the same print stream.

Cordery does not disclose or anticipate steps b(i), b(ii), e and f of claim 1, as amended, and those claims dependent thereon, namely, if said print stream comprises text data then tagging said text data and sending said tagged text data to a user mode module for further parsing; or if said print stream does not comprise text data then

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sending said print stream to a direct data injection step for a document printer; creating an envelope printer device context from the document driver and transmitting said envelope data set to an envelope printer driver for creating an envelope printer device language file; and reading said printer device language and then injecting said envelope data set into said print stream so that the envelope data may be transmitted to the envelope printer and the document data to the document printer.

Typically a printer driver causes a printer to print envelopes and another printer driver causes a printer to print documents.

A document driver is used by Applicants to print to an envelope driver using a device context. The foregoing enables a single print stream to be transmitted to a document printer. This enables one to drive two printers with a single I/O link.

In view of the above, claims 1-10 are patentable. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,



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